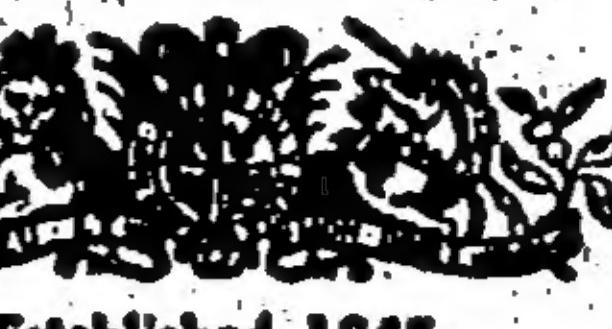


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The Consequences

THE economic and financial consequences of firstly, Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal, and secondly the more recent closing of the waterway and the cutting off of substantial oil supplies from the Iraq-Syria pipeline, are now manifesting themselves, and it would be idle to pretend they are anything but grave and disconcerting.

Inevitably the repercussions are wide in their effect. Britain, for her part, has had to suffer a heavy decline in gold reserves and with it a weakening of the Pound to a degree that threatens the stability of the whole sterling area. It is the short-term situation which requires speedy correction and this accounts for the British government's decision to seek U.S.-Canadian help through their waiving of interest payments due this month on post-war dollar loans.

Mr Macmillan's confident belief that the granting of this request will serve its immediate purpose is bolstered by the fact that Britain's trading position is strong, and the indications are that it will continue to remain so. Thus the prospects of earning an increasing amount of hard currency are good, and if immediate assistance for sustenance of sterling is forthcoming, there exist well-founded hopes that in the course of the next six months Britain and the rest of sterling bloc will have recovered from the existing embarrassing situation.

Egypt's deliberate dislocation of the Suez Canal and Syria's sabotage of the vital oil pipeline has, however, done more than compromise the economies of Britain and other West European countries. Those wanton acts have also gravely impaired the economic stability of the Middle East generally.

Egypt, with her only big exportable commodity — cotton — mortgaged, and a complete loss of revenue from the Canal, is fast approaching bankruptcy; both Iraq and Syria are suffering cuts of 50 per cent in their earnings from oil. Thus the bill that has to be paid for the elimination of the Suez Canal as an international waterway, and the restriction of oil supplies from the Middle East is as heavy for those who perpetrated those senseless acts as for their intended victims.

The economic outlook for those nations is, to say the least, sombre.

HK SIGNS BIG TRADE DEALS

\$100 Million Business Reported In Canton

EXPORT SHOW SUCCESS

by ROBIN HUTCHON

Chinese, British and European businessmen from Hongkong have done big deals with trade officials at the giant Export Commodities Exhibition in Canton. They are officially reported to have signed contracts exceeding \$100 million — slightly less than three-quarters of the total business so far.

I have just returned from a three-day visit to the Exhibition. I and another British reporter met the Assistant Secretary-General, Mr Feng Li-fu, who told us that in the first 20 days since the opening on November 10, businessmen from more than 20 countries had signed orders for Chinese products worth £10.3 million (HK\$161.8 million).

IT'S A BIG FIGURE'

British and European businessmen were surprised this morning by the Chinese estimate of trade done by Hongkong businessmen at the Canton Exhibition of Export Commodities. "It has done this amount. It has done very well," the manager of a trading company said. He told the China Mail that he had signed contracts for about HK\$13 million during a recent visit to Canton.

And he knew Hongkong businessmen had been buying produce on Japanese and Indonesian account.

MIGHT BE

"I would say HK\$10 million is too low but \$100 million is a very big figure. I suppose it might be possible. The buying has been done mainly by Chinese."

A British businessman said: "If the Chinese figures are correct this is most encouraging news."

"I should say a large amount will be trade that will never touch this Colony. It will go from Taku Bar and Shanghai straight out to its destination."

Another leading British businessman said: "This figure is quite possible, though I wonder how much is additional business."

"Approximately 70 per cent beginning to reconstruct our of the total amount of all the contracts have been concluded by Hongkong businessmen," Mr Feng said.

The figure is surprising because before I left Hongkong, the Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Ko Chou-hung, predicted that Hongkong orders would be about HK\$10 million.

ON THEIR WAY

I checked Mr Feng's figures twice through a Mandarin-English interpreter, once verbally at the interview and again a day later in writing.

Apart from stressing "approximately 70 per cent," he confirmed his statement on both

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occasions.

Mr Feng said he expected the proportion of Hongkong orders would change before the exhibition closed on January 9, "because many British and European businessmen are still on their way to Canton."

But businessmen from China and British firms in Hongkong continue to arrive in Canton almost daily.

So far more than 1,300 foreign traders have attended the exhibition, and placed orders for commodities in about 1,000 categories.

These inlude traditional export lines like silk, tea, wood oil, resin, egg products, vegetables and other produce. Nowdays "specialty lines" like radio-receiving sets, film projectors, bicycles, cement, sewing machines and industrial machinery.

WE NEED MUCH

On Sino-British trade, Mr Feng said the embargo was still a big obstacle but "because of the Western move to lift this restriction in the last two years, the situation has got better."

"We now have many commodities to exchange between our country and yours."

"We have a long and traditional business relationship with Britain. We are now starting to reconstruct our country and we need many things. On the other hand our own export commodities are improving in quality and increasing not only in variety but in amount."

"We need much for our own development, but it is also possible for us to give supplies in huge quantities. Generally the amount available for export is determined by the development in our own country."

Mr Feng said China was not producing farm tractors yet but factories were now being constructed.

(But, China is making combine harvesters—we saw one at the exhibition.)

NOT ENOUGH CARS

"We are manufacturing some cars but not enough to meet domestic demands so we have to import them," he said.

Mr Feng concluded his interview by saying: "We are just

Adlai: Never

Again

Washington, Dec. 4.

Adlai Stevenson announced today through the Democratic Party's National Committee in Washington, that he would never again run for the Presidency of the United States.

He said he intended to resume his private law practice in Chicago on January 1. However, he added, he would continue to maintain interest in the Democratic Party and would be happy to "serve" if it should be helpful.—France-Press.

Queen Gives Jobs To Hungarians

London, Dec. 4.

The Queen gave jobs at Buckingham Palace to two young refugees from Hungary today in a gesture of welcome to the thousands of Hungarians finding sanctuary in Britain.

Two 18-year-old youths from Budapest, a restaurant waiter and an apprentice hairdresser, were admitted to the palace staff on personal instructions of the Queen, a palace spokesman announced. Neither speaks English.—United Press.

Nehru Blames Britain

New Delhi, Dec. 4.

The Indian Premier Mr Jawaharlal Nehru charged today that Britain and France were to blame for much of the trouble in revolt-wrecked Hungary.

He told India's Senate he believed Soviet intervention in Hungary was due at least in part to Russia's alarm over the Anglo-French attack on Egypt.—United Press.

Britain's Request To Waive Loan Interest

CANADA—YES: AMERICA—MAYBE

Ottawa, Dec. 4. The Canadian Trade Minister, Mr. G. D. Howe, indicated today the Cabinet had agreed to meet Britain's request for waiving of \$3,250,000 in interest due on a post-war loan.

A Washington cable quoted State Department officials as saying that the language of the loan agreement was so "complicated" that the State and Treasury Departments were not yet sure that it gave them authority

to meet the British request to waive the December 31 interest payment on its \$3,750 million loan.

Congress would therefore be asked to clarify the position with the object of allowing Britain to make payment on its post-war loan.

The administration will also suggest to Congress that the language of the agreement be revised so as to give it clear authority to act in future years if Britain again sought a waiver.



The Exhibition of Chinese Export Commodities is being held in Canton's Sino-Soviet Friendship building (above).

2,000 BRITISH TROOPS TO LEAVE EGYPT TODAY

Port Said, Dec. 4.

British Army headquarters announced tonight that about 2,000 troops will embark tomorrow on the troopship Dilwara as the first step in the withdrawal from Egypt.

Cargo vessels and LSTs were loading material on the docks as the first units alerted to depart, began preparing their packs and military vehicles sped back and forth from the quays to logistics bases.

News of the re-embarkation of the troops has caused consternation among the foreign communities. The Italian Consulate said that 800 of the 8,500 Italians here had already registered for departure and the list was increasing hourly. A similar situation reigned among the Greeks.

PRIESTS STAYING

The French Consulate is overwhelmed with requests to leave aboard French vessels. The French Lyceum and American Friends' Club are packing up and priests have been advised to leave.

The only people reported to be staying are the sisters and priests attached to the religious institutions or Egyptian hospitals, and the Catholic Bishop of Port Said.

In the city, the situation is extremely tense as a result of requisitioning orders issued against seven shops by the British military authorities.

KILLED CHILD WHO TROD ON HIS TOES

London, Dec. 4.

Lawrence Schuman, 27, a worker, charged with having beaten 10-year-old child to death because the child stepped on his toes.

The police said the child stepped on Schuman's toes during a game of hide-and-seek at a charity party in London.

Two hours later, Schuman caught the child, carried him to a deserted spot, beat him to death and then lay his body in a garden, the charge said.

Schuman told the magistrate: "I don't know what got into me, because I love children." He pleaded guilty.—France-Press.

WIFE REPORTED MISSING

Sao Paulo, Dec. 4.

Mr T. C. Koo, son of Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Nationalist China's former Ambassador to the United States, reported today that his wife, Mrs Chiru Koo, 21, is missing.

Mrs Koo, according to her husband, disappeared on November 26. She had telephoned her husband at his office on that day, saying she was going on a vacation but did not give her destination.

She left their home and two children, David, 5 and Linda, without further word.

Mr Koo explained to the police that he delayed reporting his wife's absence because he thought she would call him.

Mr Koo came to the United States from Formosa last June.

She resided in Dr Wellington Koo's Washington D.C. residence until August, when she came to Redding, California.

"My main concern now," said Mr Koo, who is a plywood corporation engineer, "is foul play."

—France-Press.

UN Chief May Visit Budapest This Month

United Nations, Dec. 4.

The Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, told Hungary tonight he wanted to visit Budapest on a fact-finding tour for the United Nations from December 16 to 18.

This was disclosed by Mr Imre Horvath, Foreign Minister of the puppet Hungarian regime, after a 20-minute conference with Mr Hammarskjold.

Mr Horvath said he had sent Mr Hammarskjold's request to the Budapest authorities and hoped to have a reply soon.

Mr Horvath said he date was suggested by Mr Hammarskjold.

Mr Horvath said he had sent the suggested date to Budapest immediately by Telex (direct wire telephone) but he had been experiencing some delay in getting messages through by that method.

He did not telephone Budapest, he said.

Session Adjudged

The conference followed an announcement to the Assembly's afternoon session by Mr Horvath that Hungary was ready to discuss immediately with Mr Hammarskjold a date and arrangements for a visit to Budapest.

Earlier, Mr Horvath had announced that he was ready to meet at any time with the Secretary-General to discuss settlement of a date and arrangements for a visit to Budapest.

The United States immediately won an adjournment of the General Assembly's session to permit Mr Hammarskjold to talk.—United Press.

Petrol Rationing In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 5.

A bill setting up the machinery for petrol rationing in Singapore is to be introduced in the legislative assembly today, it was announced today.—Reuters.



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Turkish Minister In U.K.



Turkey's acting Foreign Minister, Edehem Menderes, is pictured right with Turkey's Ambassador to London, Suad Hayri Urguplu, who was on hand to greet him when he arrived at London Airport recently. Mr Menderes came to London for urgent consultations with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd at the request of the Turkish Government, alarmed by the Soviet arms build-up in Syria.

Attention Called To Bagdad Pact Warning

Washington, Dec. 4. The State Department said today the United States has called attention of "interested governments" to the latest American warning against attacks on Middle East Bagdad Pact nations.

But press officer Lincoln White was unable to say whether Russia or Egypt were among the "interested governments."

The United States last Thursday issued a statement warning that it would view any threat or attack on Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, or Iran - all members of the Bagdad Pact - "with the utmost gravity."

Reports from Syria said the United States has told Syria it will tolerate no further aggression in the Middle East. They said the information was passed on by Ambas ador James Moose in a 90-minute interview with Syrian Premier Sabri Asaliy.

Feuding Verbally

White said he was unable to give details about what Moose said during the interview.

But when asked whether the US had called attention of interested governments to the recent statement, he said "I am sure that has happened." Syria undoubtedly was included because the warning was aimed directly at Syria which had been feuding verbally with Iraq.

White denied reports that the United States has sent Syria a note or that Moose laid down any new US policy.

NO WAR PLEDGE TO PAKISTAN

STILL HOLDS GOOD

New Delhi, Dec. 4. INDIAN Premier Jawaharlal Nehru said today that India's offer to sign a "no war" pledge with Pakistan "is still good." The Premier, speaking before the Upper House of Parliament, said he had offered to sign such a pledge five years ago but that Pakistan had not yet accepted it.

He said that India had, nevertheless, "unilaterally" accepted the pledge.

Commenting on a speech made on Sunday by Pakistan Premier Hussein Sobrathy criticising Indian policy, Premier Nehru said: "I fear it is a prelude to some sort of trouble. Normally such things are timed that way."

Premier Nehru said that the United States had, however, given assurances to the contrary.

France-Presse

HUNGARY STILL STALLING OVER U.N. OBSERVERS

Alleged Brutalities In China

Saigon, Dec. 4. South Vietnam has embarked on a campaign of charges that China was perpetrating the same brutalities in North Vietnam of which Russia is guilty in Hungary.

In recent weeks the South Vietnamese Government has staged mammoth demonstrations again in Russia, while at the same time making new friendship approaches to neutral India, Burma and Indonesia.

In the newly organised Legislative Assembly today legislator Nguyen Phuong charged China was planning to deport leaders of a recent anti-Communist uprising in North Vietnam to Manchuria.

The Assembly passed a resolution denouncing "Red China's interference in the internal affairs of Vietnam" and requesting parliaments throughout the world "to take measures asking their governments to intervene urgently with the United Nations." —United Press.

Dismissed Employees Asked To Testify

Paris, Dec. 4. Seven American dismissed from the staff of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation after refusal to comply with United States "security" interrogation, have received individual invitations to testify in Washington before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee on December 13, it was learned here today.

The seven were asked to return to the United States to testify on security measures with regard to American nationals employed by UNESCO and other UN international organisations.

It was not yet known what decision would be given by the seven Americans. They have maintained that as international civil servants they were not accountable to national governments "loyalty" or "security" policies.

HAGUE DECISION

The International Court of Justice at The Hague recently rendered a decision in their favour, upholding a verdict of the administrative tribunal of the ILO in Geneva that their planes would be permitted to fly over Syria.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Scandinavian Airlines Systems already are re-operating into Syria and the new measure is expected to attract more companies, a government spokesman said. —United Press.

The UNESCO general conference is now meeting in New Delhi, and may act on the case.

—France-Presse

ALLEGED SPIES ARRESTED

Prague, Dec. 4. A British spy network was recently discovered by Czech state security officials Rudolf Barak, Interior Minister, disclosed today in an article published in the LIO of the Party.

The Minister said the spy ring was directed by a Dr Pospisil, Director of an insurance company in Prague.

The arrest of the group of "dangerous spies," Barak said, "is a good lesson for those people who, in their carelessness and thoughtless gambling, have become a precious source of information for Dr Pospisil's ring."

The Minister added that "international reaction has exerted an enormous effort during the past few weeks to sow trouble in Czechoslovakia."

—France-Presse

Anglo-French Action Upset Nasser

Indonesians Refuse To Refuel Mercy Plane

Singapore, Dec. 4. A Royal Air Force Valletta, returning from a mercy flight to Christmas Island, was stranded in Indonesia — today when Djakarta airport authorities refused to refuel the plane.

The Valletta took off from Changi base here in response to a distress message from the District Officer on Christmas Island asking for a doctor to attend the wife of a civilian doctor there whose condition was described as "serious" after child-birth.

An RAF doctor, John C. M. Wilkinson, parachuted with medical supplies at a spot near the sick woman's home. The paratrooper group was made in bad weather but it was marked the spot of the drop.

Cabled Envoy

The Valletta stopped at Djakarta on the return trip to refuel. The Indonesian authorities did not let the plane leave because it carries commerce. Passengers were put in a fleet shortly after the Anglo-French attack in Egypt.

The Commissioner General's office in Singapore cabled to the British Ambassador in Djakarta to point out to the Indonesians the humanitarian character of the plane's mission and permit its refueling.

If the Indonesians insist on their ban, it was understood that another plane would be sent to Djakarta from here with enough fuel to bring the Valletta back.—United Press.

FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET

London, Dec. 4. The Western Big Three foreign ministers probably will meet in Paris on Sunday for their first formal contact since the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt, informed sources said today.

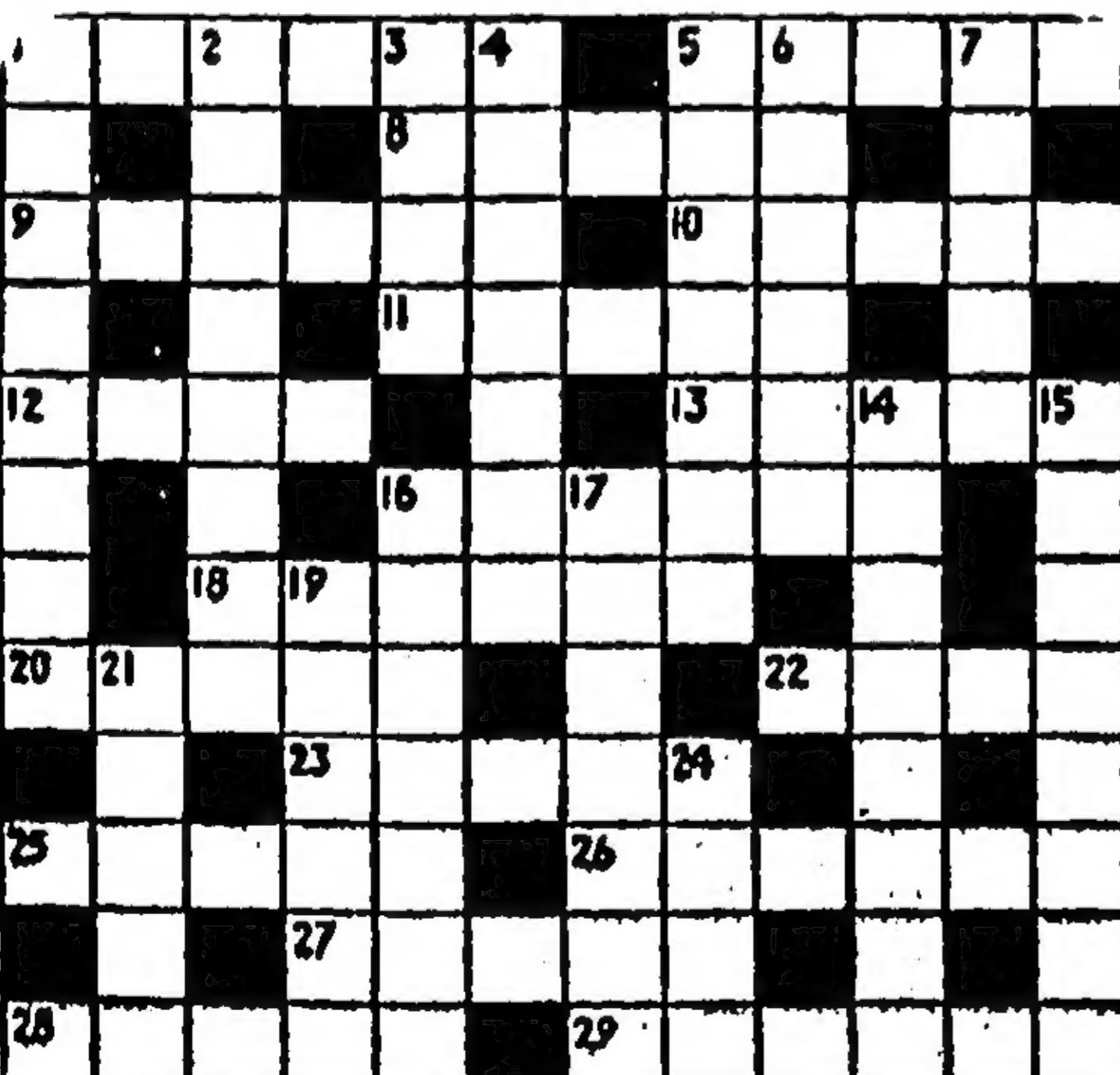
Secretary of State John F. Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau all are scheduled to attend the NATO ministers' meeting in Paris next week.

Lloyd will fly to Paris on Sunday. Dulles is scheduled to arrive in the French capital the same day.

Sources said it could be "firmly assured" that they will get together immediately with Pineau on such international problems as the Middle East.

Anglo-French and American relations have suffered during the Middle East crisis.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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- 2 Out of practice (5).
- 3 Become mature (6).
- 4 Biographical sketch (6).
- 5 Life-giving (5).
- 6 Aspirant to a commission (5).
- 7 Aspert (4).
- 8 Hopes (8).
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- 10 Slapped with case (6).
- 11 Uncooks (5).
- 12 Level (5).
- 13 Tempt (5).
- 14 Antipode (5).
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- 16 Avast (5).
- 17 Curdling agent (5).
- 18 Got on one's feet (5).
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- 20 Yesterday's crossword (15).
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- 23 Reduces (12).
- 24 Pardon (12).
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- 26 Very (5).
- 27 Tired (5).
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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WRITING about fish as pets, a correspondent says they are becoming increasingly popular. According to him, there is nothing more soothing for those worried by current events than to come home and watch fish playing about in a tank.

It certainly must be more restful (and economical) for tired business men who have been frightened all day by falling Stock Exchange prices to watch fish playing about in a tank than to watch a glamour girl playing about in a restaurant eating her head off.

For one thing, tropical fish are just as colourful as any glamour girl. And even if they are trying to say something silly as they open and shut their mouths you can't hear a word of it.

For another thing, all a fish asks (and it does ask) for is wide-open, anxious eyes. A little fresh water and a handful of dried eggs. Any good business man will tell you that to offer this diet to a glamour girl is fatal to friendship.

Again, fish are completely indifferent to jewels or fur coats whereas glamour girls think of hardly anything else.

Fish can never be late for an appointment because you've got them where you want them—in a tank. Fish eat hardly anything to keep and are usually eaten by another fish long before you get weary of them. You will get weary of a glamour girl long before she is eaten by another glamour girl.

Another great advantage is that there is no need for a man to deceive his wife about a fish. There it is at home for anyone to see. The affair is as open as the day.

Sometimes there is little difference in the appearance of fish and glamour girls. Often they have the same big, sultry mouths and the Marilyn Monroe wiggle of the tail so much admired by tired business men and those who are not so tired. If the Stock Exchange gets worse you can always make a

meal of your fish. Some of you may have tried this on the glamour girl, but, unlike a fish, she certainly won't let you if you're broke.

To Noel

FROM the sunny beaches of Jamaica Noel Coward has written a song, "Why Must The Show Go On?"

It asks why elderly performers, consumed with private grief, must keep up the "laugh, clown, laugh" tradition. Among the lines are "And if you're out cold, too old, and most of your teeth are gone, why must the show go on?"

Why must the show go on tonight?

Why must the show go on? It must go on if we need the jollity:

That's why we seem to be frightfully jolly.

Even if all our teeth are gone And we're old and terribly woe-begone

We laugh like mad at our lack of wealth

With dentures free on the National Health—

That's why the show goes on.

Why must the show go on tonight?

Why must the show go on? It must go on if we need the dough:

(You have plenty, you ought to know).

Even if people are terribly tired of us

We remember the days when they all admired us—

We may not be giving a wonderful treat,

But even the old folk have to eat—

That's why the show goes on.

Why must the show go on tonight?

Why must the show go on? It must be terrible, terrible fun

To be on the beach and bask in the sun And laugh he-he and laugh ha-ha

At an old has-been or a fading star—

Though now we are probably going to seed.

Some of us might have been playing the lead When one of your shows went on.

Wedding jitters

ALTHOUGH most people know that men are frightened of marriage long before the poor suckers know what it is really like, I never thought I would live to see the day when their pitiful pre-wedding condition would be classified as a disease.

Doctors who can think of a name for anything, call it Engyesia.

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It is a nervous disorder which exhibits its first symptoms the miserable wretch has promised himself to some practical, level-headed girl who has planned the whole operation with the skill of a field-marshall. These symptoms are anxiety, depression, insomnia, and inability to concentrate.

Recently 50 victims of wedding jitters were examined at Maudsley Hospital, Camberwell. Thirty of them were in such a state that they were treated as in-patients and put to bed at once.

In hospital, away from the prying eyes of the field-marshall, their health improved. Distant wedding bells no longer rang in their ears. They tool themselves into the belief that they would escape the marital handcuffs by pleading they were fit for marriage and the F.M. would be happier with someone else.

But girls intent on marriage know the answer to that line of talk. On the first wedding day they are sitting at the bedside of the quaking victim. They listen to her halting little speech about being unworthy and come right back at him with "I love you. I will stand by you."

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At this point, according to the doctors, the patient becomes worse. The distant wedding bells clang in his tortured ears. He can see the shining faces of the wedding guests and hear their coarse jokes. When the girl has been chased out of the ward, they give the patient sedatives and a long rest.

Some recover to become happy bachelors. A few are cured by marriage.

But if this is a common condition of the modern bride-groom-to-be, and if the race is to survive by regular unions, it would be more merciful if the victim was doped and carried hog-tied to the altar.

Though now we are probably going to seed.

PERSONAL COMMENTARY

BY CUMMINGS



The little picture at the White House that so dominates Ike's thinking.

Watch Syria!

Is America making the worst error of all?

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S Intelligence experts are advising him to dismiss as British-French propaganda reports of alarming new Soviet infiltration into Syria — menacing the pipe-lines that carry half as much of Europe's oil as is shipped through the Suez Canal.

And the President, alas — no doubt remembering the brilliance of British deception techniques which

BY



SEFTON DELMER

tricked Hitler into wrong moves — is accepting this view.

He believes that these alarming reports — although they do not come to him from British or French sources — are British and French plants.

Only since the advent of Nasser to Egypt has Syria been seriously challenged as the most important secret satellite of Moscow in the Middle East.

They are part of a plot he suspects to stampede him into the Franco-British camp and cause the United States to lose its new-found friends among the Arabs and the Asians.

On my first visit to Syria,

when the little French-trained ex-sergeant Shishakly was the country's dictator, the Communist network — though comparatively thin on the ground — was extremely well organised and the most important in the Middle East.

My pledge

If it is allowed to go on it may prove a disastrous turning point in the cold war and catastrophic for the future of the free world.

I am prepared to stake my reputation in predicting that if the Americans persist with their scepticism of the reports reaching them and refuse to take action they are going to suffer a rude and shattering disillusionment.

Not only in Syria itself but in the rest of the Middle East and the whole Asian world. They are acting precisely in the way that the political warriors of the Kremlin want them to react.

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chief, Ambassador Daniel "Spider" Solod, who at that time was ambassador to the refinery has been restored to the Iron Curtain. The Czechs are to build it and send their experts — and agitators — into this vital area.

My advice

Americans argue that if we don't give way to Nasser we shall place on his head a martyr's crown and unite the Arabs behind him. The very opposite is the case.

Many Arabs — including even oil-rich King Saud — would like to see Nasser cut down to size. We only unite the Arab world behind him when we place on his head the laurel wreath of a Roman triumph — the general returning to receive the ovation of the fickle plebs.

The American idea that they can treat Syria as a bad apple in an otherwise friendly and anti-Communist co-American Arab world is equally dangerous.

For these Arab National Socialists of Syria are closely allied with the equally pro-Soviet National Socialists of Jordan, who have just won the elections in that country.

If President Eisenhower continues to neglect the warning coming from Syria he will shortly find himself faced with a Soviet-influenced, Soviet-armed, and Communist-powdered Arab federation including Syria, Jordan, and Egypt and stretching from the borders of Turkey to the borders of Libya.

But for the British and the French troops along the Canal that formidable pick-up would be in existence today.

My lesson

ALL along, the task of

the Syrian Intelligence Service chief himself pointed out to me its main strong points. These were carefully organised cells in villages, strangely enough along the border of anti-Communist Turkey, further cells among the unruly Kurdish tribes, among the nationalist students and army men, and among the workers of Syria's new cotton plantations and textile factories.

My talk

Nowhere is this lesson easier to read than in Syria. Here, with each British setback up with it the power and influence of the National Socialist extremists and their Soviet and Communist backers.

The inverse is true too.

When Nasser was slapped down by the Americans over the Aswan dam loan this summer, down down down went his stock throughout the Arab world, and especially in Syria.

Anti-Nassirites who had been longing to have a go at him and his Communist allies came out into the open.

In Syria they forced the Government to cancel an order for an oil refinery which under Communist and Nationalist pressure had been awarded to a Communist Czech State concern. It is significant, I hold, that one of the first results of American pressure on Britain

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OH, THAT TIGHT-LIPPED LOOK...

By AMANDA MARSHALL

MISS AUDREY HEPBURN, visiting for the premiere of "War and Peace," looks out solemnly at the world from the enormous sad eyes of an orphaned bush-baby — an unsmiling look, the fashionable expression for all our contemporary Great Beauties, from frail little Italian madonnas like Pier Angeli to real cool princesses like Grace Kelly. (If you're Marilyn Monroe, it's all right to smile. The message is different.)

IN HER HAT
Garbo buries her face in her hat, but no one can remember a smile on the most beautiful face in the world since Minotaur. Dietrich registers public amusement by an enigmatic narrowing of those smoky eyes.

Vivien Leigh compromises and smiles with a involving the eyes at all. Suzanne Cloutier, who was impaled by Baron in his collection of Perfect Prodigies, wears a habitual expression of steely gravity, a quite

something. On Margaret Leighton's poetic face, perpetual astonishment sits, politely enthroned, like someone who dropped in for tea and stayed for ever. Berlese, the ballerina who looks like a white rose, and Jeannine Pichon, the fabuloue American model who looks like a puma, smile just about as rarely as voices or plumes.

The prettiest, most delighted smile is the Queen Mother's, which is nothing but magic and turns everything into a party. The most bizarre and terrifying is Gingold's, a cross between a vampire Mona Lisa and the look of someone who has swallowed a blazing hot potato and is planning to scream later.

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I sometimes think some models and ex-models, such as Barbara Goalen and Margaret Phillips, have simply lost the knack from sheer lack of practice.

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the war to Syria and to its Arab neighbours in Lebanon, Iraq, and Jordan I have been forcibly impressed by the progress made by the Soviet in Syria

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since the war as compared with the other Middle Eastern States.

"I had a most friendly reception in Moscow," he told me, "and the Soviet Government itself authorised the resumption of payments to us in gold."

No doubt this was a step taken by the Kremlin under

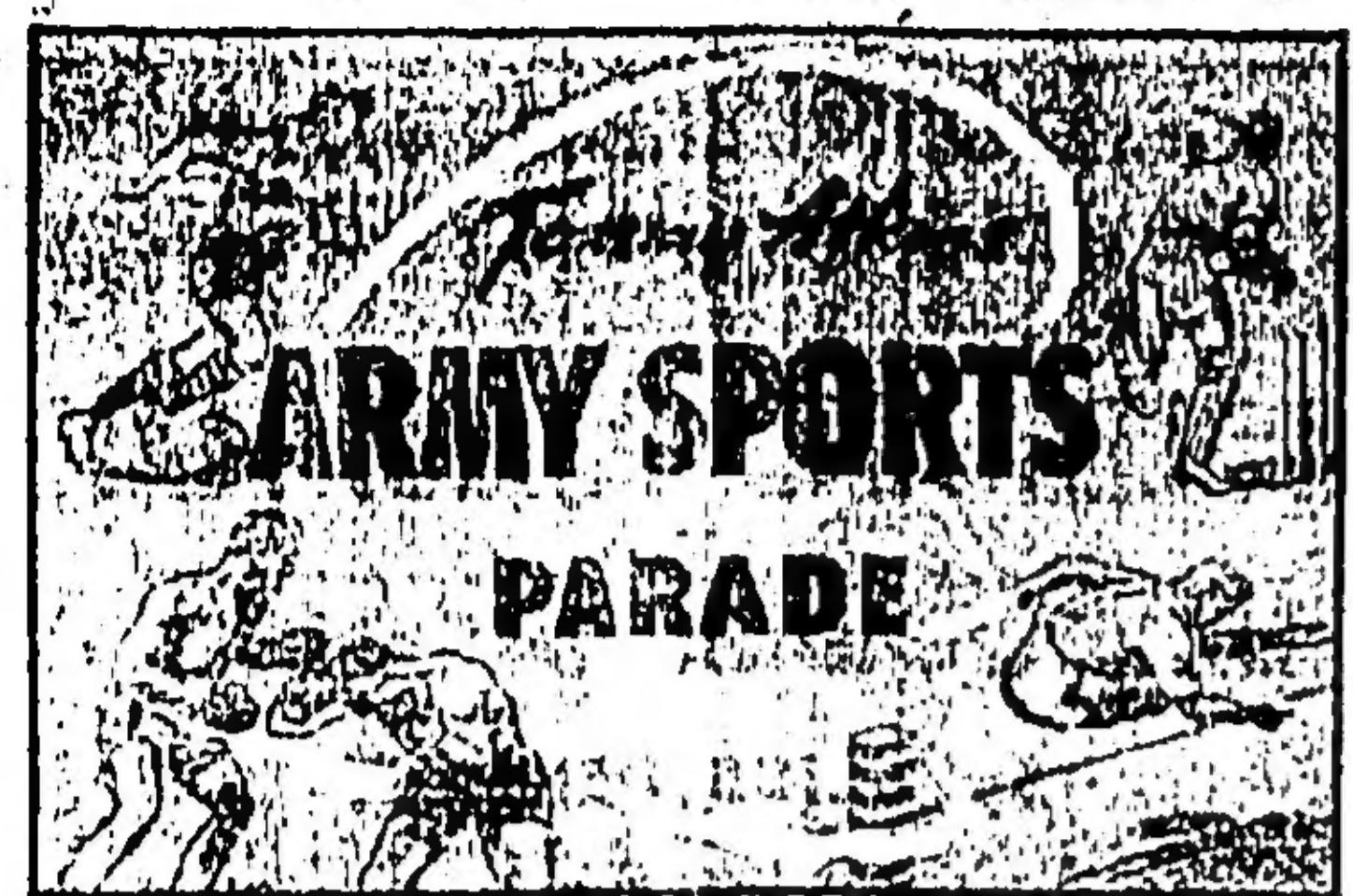
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The Sports Parade spot of honour this week features Capt Bill Withall, RE, Lieut. David Wrinch, RA, and RSM John Martin, RASC, those stalwarts of the very successful Army South cricket team who will, unfortunately, be leaving the Colony this week.

Bill Withall's loss will probably hit the side hardest, for not only is he the team's very capable skipper but their most reliable all-rounder. With due modesty he feels that the reserves available will adequately fill the gaps and while we'll hope to right the departure of the three must make Army South's future opponents a little more cautious in assessing against them.

Good luck, Bill, may the sun never set on your sunsets at home be dry and your cricket bright. To David Wrinch best wishes for continued success and to John Martin, not only cricket but water polo, hockey, and tennis enthusiast, will miss you. Thank you all for your contribution to Colony and Army sport.

It was hoped that a final success over their overseas rivals would speed these players on their long journey but after an exciting game the HKCC "Optimists," with five minutes to spare, won Saturday's game by four wickets.

Army South started off well and in line 45 by Bill Withall and 31 from Tilley, plus a useful contribution of 20 by Howard Johnson and Martin had 150 with 21 brought the total to a respectable 161.

Hicks were high when the first two Optimists' wickets fell with only six runs on the board. However, a brief lull in the game and only 10 from Tilley, Johnson, and Howard on an otherwise uneventful afternoon, led to a well-tempered game before falling to a lovely ball from Johnson.

Army North found some difficulty to go on Saturday, but it did not go that the other competition was disturbed by the news of the Army hockey team next to them. In the match with KCC they could only muster 11, and although they managed to capture six KCC wickets for 24, the soldiers lost by three wickets.

FIRST CLASS HOCKEY
The writer of a column entitled "Sports" carried in the "China Herald" with one sport section or another for not publication of the activities, and currently the writer's line are often my lines. To have such valuable liquid I went to Seymour on Saturday afternoon and asked him, "I must certainly owe you an apology. I saw one of the first games I have seen for a long time when I joined the many jubilant fans who watched the Army XI defeat the reserve side of Macao.

Few expected this result as the visitors have been practising for inclusion in a team which should have gone to the Olympic Games and it was thought this combination would be far too strong.

The Army team played first class hockey. Hard hitting, good stopping, and intelligent positioning made them look equal if not superior to the Portuguese lads.

The game flowed from end to end with each goal having narrow escapes until after 30 minutes an Army back misjudged the roll of the ball and the Macao centre-forward was on to it in a flash and had it in the net.

This lead was shortly followed. The Army in a fine combined movement presented the inside-left with the ball in the circle and he did the rest. A few seconds later the Army outside-right just inside the Macao circle, gave the ball a half-hearted push goulards and to everyone's surprise the keeper allowed it to enter the net, presumably thinking it had been hit outside the "D."

From the bally-hoo Macao pressed and scored from a shot that I felt I should have stopped and thus levelled the score at two-all.

On resuming Macao went ahead with another fine goal and the Army, not to be outdone, showed their visitors how to score from short corners to once more bring the teams on equal terms. The winning goal also came from a short corner late in the game, beautifully stopped and flashed in by Allison, the centre-forward.

Although it is perhaps unfair to select one player from a team that played such excellent hockey, Major Newark, at centre-half, really was outstanding on the afternoon's showing and playing a fine attacking game was always at hand when the opposition pressed.

The Hongkong Hockey Association chose two teams to compete the Macao visitors on Sunday and it was gratifying to find that of the 32 players eleven were Army, two Navy and one Air Force, the remainder coming from the civilians. The Army players were Major

SPORTS VIEWPOINT WHERE, OH! WHERE ARE THE YOUNG MEN OF ENGLAND?

Asks ERIC NICHOLLS

My heart goes out to England's World Soccer Cup team-builders. My deepest sympathy, too. For these much-criticised, much-scorned Gentlemen of the Football Association are in the centre of as pretty a pickle as their severest critics could wish on them. And it isn't of their own making.

They are on the edge of a soccer precipice, with the choice of going over the top or calling it a day and going back to start all over again.

Consider their plight. After third rate performances against Ireland, of national and League levels, the culprits were sacked, and such outdated methods of attack as the double-centre-forward plan were abandoned.

In place of the two "bathers" planted on the penalty spot for the express purpose of scoring goals, with one forward left to do all the grafting, a highly-skilled and considerably more mobile line (paper, at any rate) was chosen to do battle for England.

The big test was against Wales. But the test became a farce when Wales lost their goalkeeper. For ten men of Wales were no match for England's full eleven.

ENFORCED CHANGE

Inevitably, England won. The selectors turned a blind eye to mediocre performances and with the exception of an excellent 20-40 cut-and-left tackle, the same side against Yugoslavia.

Again England won. Again the selectors may be influenced more by results than by individual performances.

But we all like to see our side succeed. As far as the selector is concerned, their problems are small indeed. But they have on their hands an attack that has scored six goals in two matches but which at the same time is mired in low-level football to the standard of a very ordinary Third Division club attack.

This is, of course, with the exception of 42-year-old Stanley Matthews.

But however much you criticise—and this forward line cannot possibly bristle—is the basic question remains: What else is there?

There is such a lack of international class players, or youngsters of promise, that the selectors' task may seem easy. But it isn't. For their job is to produce a team capable of giving a good account of itself in the World Cup if not winning it.

And Leslie the ballyhoo which heralded the return of the "old campaigners" to the side, the inescapable fact remains that the stars of the current national side are the old brigade.

GREATEST EVER
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Cpl. Hancock, FARELF Weller Champion, will box if a suitable opponent can be found.

It is regretted that admission prices have had to be raised but on the last tournament the HKABA lost money and as all this hard work is undertaken with the object of raising funds for those unfortunate enough not to have them, the Association feel that the Services supporters will understand. In any case the programme outlined above is worth every cent of the highest admission charges.

Territories boxing fans will be playing at home next Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday when the Land Forces' Novices Championships will be held at the swimming pool at Sok Kong, morning and afternoon sessions will be held if necessary, with the finale on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

ONE EXCEPTION

Very little space is left this week for soccer fun, but quite honestly the many games I have seen with the exception of one, have hardly been worth reporting.

The exception was tucked away on the Transvaal Camp ground, and featured Commando

SPORTS VIEWPOINT



Cpl. J. Cuthbert (Royal Signals) catches his London opponent T. Warren, of Stepney and St. Georges ABC, with a sizzling overarm right to the jaw in the featherweight bout of the Army versus London Amateur Boxing Association match on November 27. Cuthbert won on points.

Remarkable Ending In Army Versus London Boxing Match

By ARCHIE QUICK

A referee's strange decision provided a remarkable ending to one of the bouts in the annual Army versus London amateur boxing match at the Seymour Hall, London, on November 27 and it was fortuitously sufficient to give the Army victory by seven bouts to six.

Johnny Thurgood (Stepney and St. George's Club), who, incidentally, was the last boxer to defeat the brilliant Nicky Gargano—in this match two years ago—met L. Cpl. Billy Wadham (Middlesex Regt.) and midway through the first round he covered up on the ropes.

Thurgood, quite unhurt, was taking a rain of blows mortally to cut his elbows, and certainly he had not taken one solid punch. To general astonishment the referee stopped the fight and awarded it to Wadham. And the crowd cheered this action.

London were weakened by the absence in the Melbourne Olympic Games of Terry Spinks, Ron Redrup and Nick Gargano. On the other hand the Army had the services for the first time of Pte. D. Stone, REME, more recognisable as David Stone, ABA light welterweight champion of the Battersea Club. This Twickenham garage hand won every round quite easily against a plucky George Lucas, of the Hanwell Club. Lucas had nothing to match the skill and experience of the dour Stone who many think should have gone to Melbourne.

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NBA RATINGS

Archie Moore Not Listed As A Contender

Milwaukee, Dec. 4.

Archie Moore drops out of the list of contenders for the world heavyweight title in the December ratings of the American National Boxing Association.

Floyd Patterson, 21-year-old New York negro, beat Moore for the vacant title in Chicago last week.

The NBA named Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson leading contender, followed by two other Americans, Bob Baker and Willie Pastorino.

Moore, World Light-heavyweight Champion, and Sandy Saddler, World Featherweight Champion are under orders to defend their titles within a specified time. Saddler must stay for a title defence by January 15 and Moore by March 18.

ELDORDE FIFTH

Flash Eldorde of the Philippines is ranked fifth in the Featherweight division. Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico, who punished him severely in New York last month, is second.

Leo Espinosa of the Philippines is ranked second among Bantamweight contenders. The NBA continues to recognise Raton Macias of Mexico as Champion and name Modo D'Agata of Italy, the generally recognised champion, as leading contender.

A third boxer from the Philippines, Danny Kid, is rated ninth among challengers for the world Flyweight title. Hitoshi Misako of Japan is fourth.—Reuter.

THE BEST BOUT

Apart from Stone, quite the most accomplished Army performer was Pte. Owyn Blakely, of the Welsh Regiment, who outpointed Johnny Simmonds of Polytechnic, in the best bout of the evening. It was a toe-to-toe almost most of the way, with a good mixture of cleverness.

Most unfortunate boxer of the evening was Pte. Arthur Day, REME, who sustained a cut eye from the very first blow by his featherweight competitor, Fredy Woodward, of Earlsfield. The referee promptly stopped the fight.

Granted that November 23 was a wet, cold, dreary and foggy November day, but even so it was startling to find that exactly half of the First and Second Division matches were played before crowds of less than 20,000, and that only five of them exceeded the 20,000 mark. Moreover, only nine of the 24 Third Division games attracted attendances better than 10,000, with a 2,700 record at Untiedon versus Southport. The downward plunge has evidently not been arrested. Television and radio are powerful rivals.

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AMATEUR SIGNINGS

His transfer from the competitive obscurity of Highfield Road, Coventry, to the wide open spaces and greater opportunity of First Division Stamford Bridge completes a cycle of Third Division and amateur signings by Manager Ted Drake. He has gathered in his fold Stan Willemse and John McNichol from Brighton, Stan Wicks and Bill Livingstone from Reading, Frank Blundstone (Crews), Eric Stubbs (Southend), Peter Sillett (Southampton), Brian Nicholas (Q.P.R.), Ken Armstrong (Bradford), Derek Saunders (Walhamstow), Reg Matthews (Coventry) and three London 16-year-old amateurs, Peter Bradbrook, Ron Timms and Tony Nichols, and now they constitute Chelsea's senior eleven and first line reserves. The potential is terrific, even if inexperience is a momentary handicap which leads them into faulty positioning and badly timed distribution.

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WELSH BOXERS BEAT BELGIANS

Cardiff, Dec. 4.

Wales beat Belgium by five bouts to three in an amateur boxing international here to night.—Reuter.

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HOW TIMES CHANGE

One Is No Longer Asked To Make A Fourth At An Olympic Tennis Match

Says DEREK JOHN

How times change. After watching the Melbourne Olympics and its high-powered organisation and publicity, compare 1896 and all that with 1896, when the first of the modern Olympics was held in Athens.

Listen to the words of Sir George Robertson, Q.C., the only surviving participant of the Athens Games, an undergraduate at Oxford at the time who had won the hammer-throwing event against Cambridge three times in succession.

"I knew Greek and had always wanted to see Greece so I decided to go to the Games. Like the rest of the competitors I went at my own expense."

ARMY FOOTBALL

Major & Minor Units League Standings

The following are the Major and Minor units league scores standing to and including November 28:

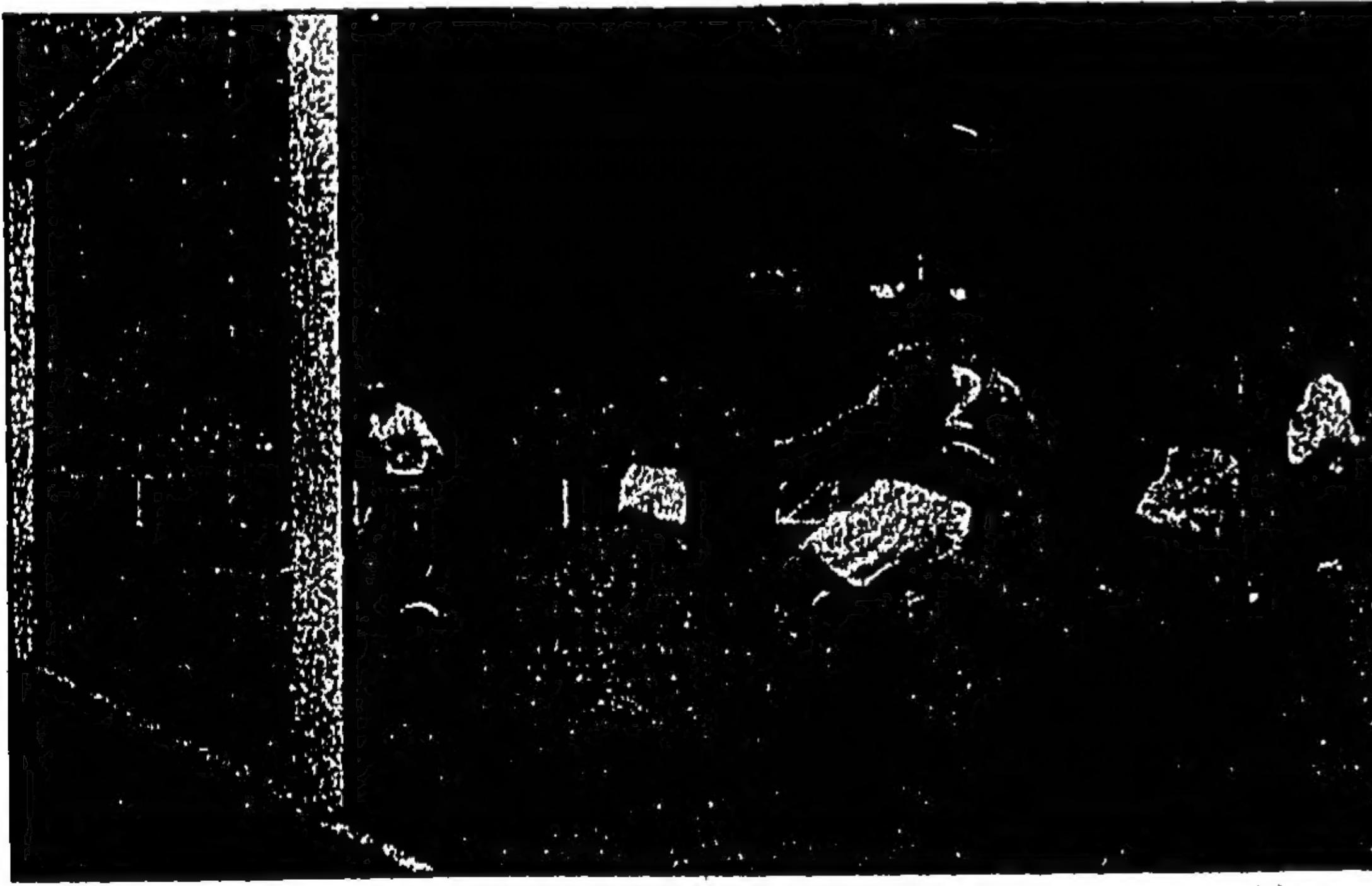
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1/4 Army Regt RA	5 2 1 2 1 2 11	5
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Cond W/Shops	5 6 0 0 1 0 17	7
23 (GB) HAA	5 6 0 0 0 0 10	10
11 Inf Regt RA	5 6 0 0 0 0 10	10
116 A & K Grn	6 2 0 0 2 0 13	4
Transit Camp	6 2 0 0 2 0 13	4
Kuwait Regt	5 0 0 0 4 0 23	4
40 Inf DPC	7 1 2 0 3 0 25	3
HQ Trans Regt	4 1 0 0 0 0 21	0
82 Inf Sign Regt	6 1 0 0 0 0 30	0
3 AOT	7 0 0 0 0 0 37	0
Zone 3 (N.T.)		
25 FDS Shrops	1 2 0 0 4 0 10	10
11 Inf W/Shops	0 4 1 0 1 0 0	9
27 Lt Bty	0 4 1 0 1 0 0	9
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14 Inf Regt RA	7 2 0 0 3 0 12	3
HQ 48 Gorkhies	7 3 0 0 4 0 17	2
Ind Gorkhies	7 1 0 0 5 0 9	1
Ind AOP Flt	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0

SOUL PUNCHER

Certainly Turpin showed much of his old fire and con-

Sports Diary	
TODAY	Soccer
	Summer League: South China v Gymnastics (C.I.L.) 8 p.m.
	Cricket
	Major Units knock-out competition.
TOMORROW	Athletics
	IIKAAA Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Room, Education Department 5.30 p.m.
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MATTHEWS NEARLY SCORES



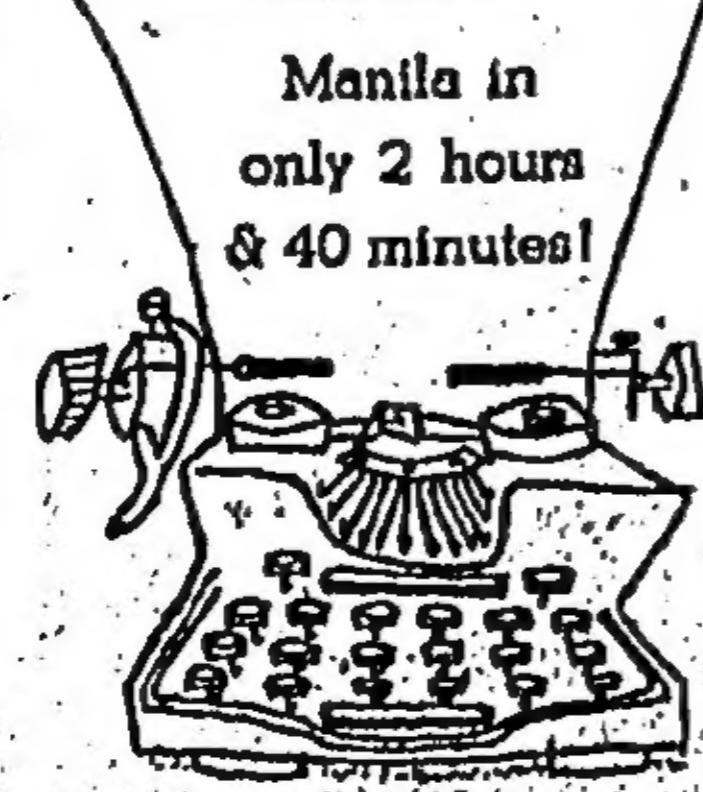
A shot from England's outside-right Stanley Matthews (left) beats Yugoslav goalkeeper Bera but right-back Belin (2) runs across and clears from the line in the international match at Wembley on November 28.—Reuterphoto.

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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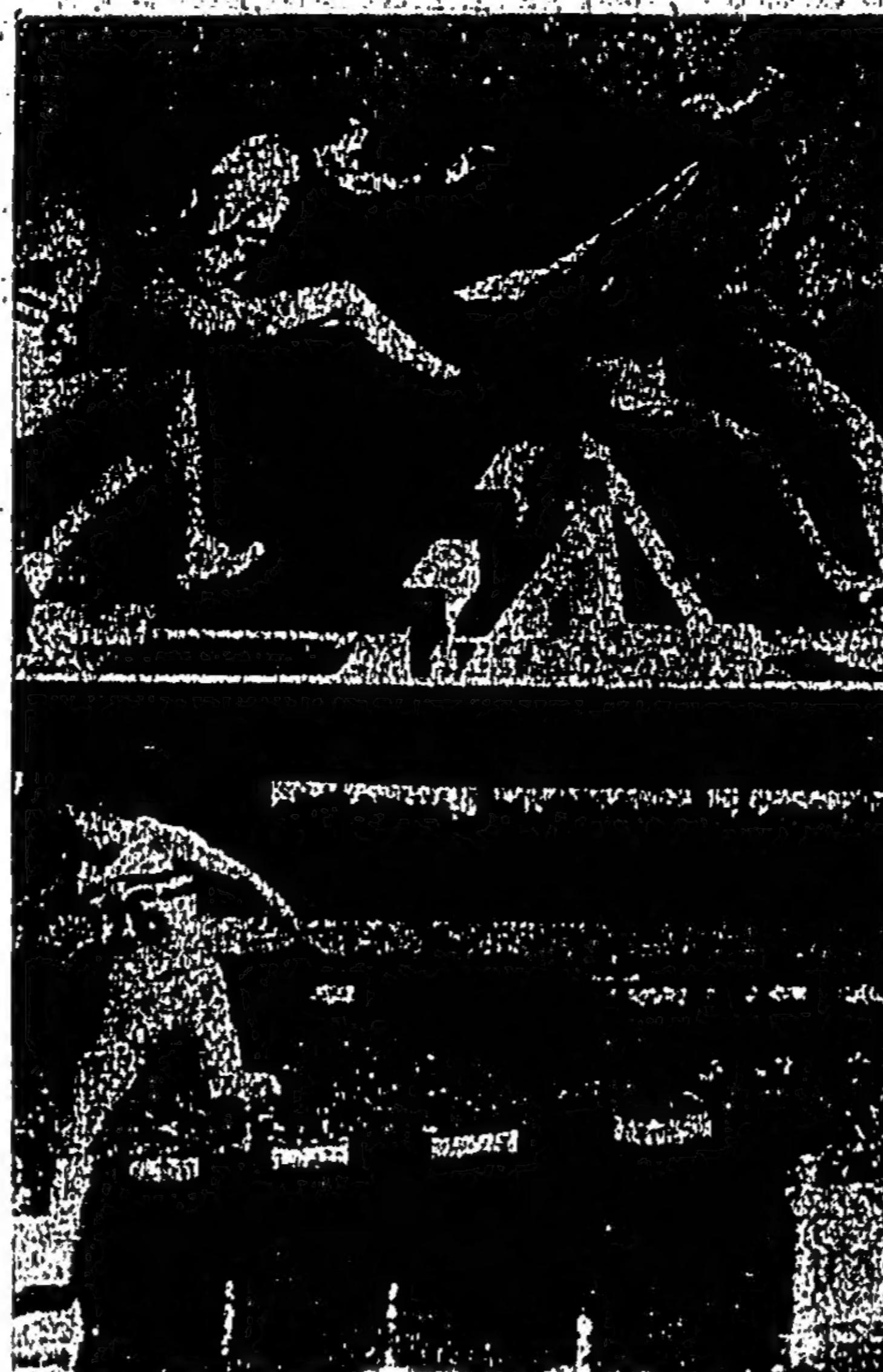
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 - 2 City and place
 - 3 Longest circumference
 - 4 North or South?
 - 5 Revolution
 - 6 Western State
 - 7 Not a musical one
 - 8 Such a cat
 - 9 Through
 - 10 Double this
 - 11 Steer a course
 - 12 East or West?
 - 13 It's round
 - 14 Map making
- Solutions on back page

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

I'd Be Lost Without An Audience, Says Jerry Lewis

By RON BURTON

Hollywood.

Jerry Lewis says he'd be lost without an audience, and that's why his film sets are never closed to visitors.

"I'm like the circus clown who looks for the one unsmiling face in the crowd," Lewis said. "Then he tries to make that one person laugh, usually knocking himself out in the effort."

Lewis said the rule prevails today at Paramount where he recently finished "Hollywood or Bust" starring Dean Martin, Anita Ekberg and Pat Crowley. Of course, viewers of Lewis' rehearsed (and sometimes unrehearsed) antics for films can't really laugh but have to remain quiet. However, this doesn't bother Lewis.

"Just one glance at their faces and I know all I need to know," he explained. "And, remember, I've just got to have an audience. It's the only way I can test a gag—or a situation. I'm a comedian. That means I must have on the spot reaction."

ANOTHER REASON

Lewis said he has discovered that he "comes alive" when he has an audience, and that this is another reason—besides testing gags—for permitting visitors on his set.

"When I know there's someone behind that camera, it makes a big difference," he said. "I find myself playing to them. I feel it makes the difference between performance I wouldn't like and one that's vital. Besides, I like to have people around, anyhow. I like them."

Lewis isn't fussy about the size of his studio lot audience. He just wants someone to watch what's going on.

"Five persons or 500—it makes no difference," he said. "And there's only one 'drawback' to having an audience on a lot, I guess. They can't laugh out loud, and I love to hear people laugh."

Joan Crawford says that one of the most treasured compliments she has received on a performance involved her slight limp.

The compliment came after her work in "The Story of Esther Costello," which was filmed in London as a John and James Woolf production for Columbia.

Miss Crawford began her role in her typical manner by first studying her part for several weeks before any camera footage was even scheduled. This is the only way she feels she has prepared for a role properly.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," she said. "I've been told that much of what I get into the film from this preparatory work is sometimes lost—that is, there are lots of what may be considered 'little things' that are missed by all but the practical eye."

"Now, in this picture I play the part of Margaret Land, and there's one scene in particular that is dramatic and sensitive—and calls for one of the little things I consider so important."

THE LITTLE FINGER

"Heather Sears, a young actress is a blind and deaf girl in the scene. In the whole picture—I was in the whole picture—I have to use the hand sign language of the deaf."

Miss Crawford pursued this language with her usual intensity until it presented no barrier to an accurate per-

formance. She knew that she could have gotten away with making a few meaningless signs for the blind deaf girl to feel. However, this wouldn't have satisfied Miss Crawford.

Instead she took lessons in the language from an expert, Valentine A. Becker, and worked on it until she was satisfied that she had mastered it for the film.

The compliment that warmed her heart came after the scene with Miss Sears had been shot with a representative of the Blind-Deaf Institute observing.

The representative told her he was amazed at her proficiency. Then he added, "You have a slight limp in your little finger."

Virginia Mayo and Michael O'Shea believe that their nine-year-old marriage has lasted because the longest they've been apart has been two weeks.

"Separation because of work is at the root of many Hollywood domestic troubles," Miss Mayo said. "I honestly believe that separate careers can harmonize with marriage so long as a husband and wife stay close to each other."

"It's the separation that does it. When a husband and his wife frequently work far away from each other, it leads to difficulties."

The O'Sheas, who have a three-year-old daughter, Catherine, are very cagey about

Give Him

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Socks!

London, Dec. 4.

Nino Valdes, of Cuba, defeated Dick Richardson, of Wales, when the Welshman retired with a badly cut eye after eight rounds of their ten-round heavyweight bout at Harringay Arena here tonight.—Reuters.

EXPRESS ANNUAL

Inter-School Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Inter-School football fixtures (Hong Kong Section) for today and Sunday:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5
Junior Challenge Cup
St Louis V Salesians No. 2, 4 p.m.
(H. L. Lane), Island Road, N. 3.

4 p.m. (Leung Yuk-long), St Joseph's Nat'l-han, No. 2, 4.45 p.m. (Wong Yau-keung), Queen's, No. 3, 4.45 p.m. (Samson Miller).

SUNDAY, DEC. 6
Senior Challenge Cup
Wah Yan HK V New Method, No. 2, 11 a.m. (Sam Pratlett).

4 p.m. (Sam Pratlett), No. 2, 11 a.m. (Col McIntosh), St Stephen's, No. 6, 11 a.m. (Mak Yuen-lai).

Intermediate Challenge Cup
Victoria Tech V Wah Yan HK, No. 2, 11 a.m. (Sam Pratlett).

New Method V Queen's, No. 6, 10 a.m. (George Foo).

St Louis V Salesians No. 2, 10 a.m. (Samson Miller).

Intermediate Challenge Cup
Clementi V St Joseph's, No. 4, 10 a.m. (Tsang Nai-han).

4th Round postponed from Nov. 21.

St Louis V Queen's, No. 3, 10 a.m. (Samson Miller).

Intermediate Challenge Cup
Victoria Tech V Wah Yan HK, No. 2, 11 a.m. (Sam Pratlett).

St Louis V Queen's, No. 3, 11 a.m. (Sam Pratlett).

4th Round postponed to Dec. 12.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

GERMAN PLAN TO REPAY DEBT TO UK

Bonn, Dec. 4.
The West German Cabinet is to consider a plan that West Germany should pay back the next four years' instalments on her debt to Britain in a lump sum during the next few weeks, it was learned here.

The Bank Deutscher Laender has offered the Government credits to enable it to pay back at once four of the annual instalments of £7,800,000 due between 1957 and 1960.

Debts to be repaid are those settled under London Debt Agreement of 1952. The plan is seen here as a way to help reduce West Germany's surplus of foreign currencies.—China Mail Special.

Invitation To Oil Companies

Paris, Dec. 4.
Three major British oil companies—British Petroleum, Royal Dutch and Company Francaise des Petrols—have been invited to join the Petroleum Industry Emergency Group (OPEC) set up by the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation to advise oil companies.

E. German Government Facing Shortages
SEQUEL TO REVISION OF POLAND'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Bonn, Dec. 4.
The Communist East German Government is facing serious economic difficulties arising from the decision of Poland's new leaders to revise the Polish 5-year plan.

Poland has been East Germany's main supplier of hard coal and coke, essential for steel blast furnaces. But Poland's new government, intent on building up the living standard of the Polish people, is drastically to cut coal exports, according to reports reaching here from Warsaw.

No exact figures are available on the East German economy, but one informed estimate, made in West Germany, puts hard coal consumption at about 10,000,000 tons, over half of which is imported.

Neues Deutschland, the official newspaper of the (Communist) Socialist Unity Party, said that certain shipments of hard coal and coke from Poland have not arrived.

Increased

Announcing this step to set up machinery for allocating oil supplies to member countries an OPEC spokesman said that the first meeting between OPEC and the OEEC Oil Committee would take place on Thursday, the day after a meeting of the Oil Committee alone.

American observers are expected to be present at the Thursday meeting.

Contacts between the Oil Committee and the United States Middle East Emergency Committee—grouping 15 American oil companies—are expected to follow in due course.—China Mail Special.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Dec. 4.
Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	832	833
3-month	824	825
Copper spot	270%	277
3-month	282	284
Lead in half Dec	118	119
Mar	115%	115%
Zinc in half Dec	111%	112%
Mar	97%	97%
—United Press.		

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New York Cotton Futures Drift Lower

New York, Dec. 4.
Cotton futures today drifted irregularly lower in the second session of slow dealings.

New crop deliveries showed relative easiness under liquidation and selling by locals. Offerings were encouraged by uncertainties dealing with probable loan rate for the next crop and a possible change in government cotton policy.

After sagging as much as \$1.45 a bale, the market steadied at the close on dry trade covering but still showed a net loss of 2 to 10 points. Opening prices were off 1 to 13 points. New Orleans closed off 8 to 10 points.

The prolonged period of dullness in the textile market, and a more reassuring attitude toward the Middle East, also acted to chill new buying interest.

Spot December showed relatively stable. No transferable notices appeared today and none have been issued since first notice day—November 28.

Outstanding December contracts at the opening of business totalled 50,100 bales. The certificated stock remained at 3,010 bales.

Month Volume Open Interest
Dec. 12,000 12,000
Jan. 14,400 14,400
Feb. 8,800 8,800
Mar. 8,700 8,700
Apr. 8,700 8,700
May 8,700 8,700
Total 51,000 12,000 bales

NEW YORK
Prices of futures closed today in pence per ounce as follows:

Spot December 34.40
March 33.98
May 33.06
July 32.99
October 32.98
December 32.98
March 32.92
May 32.92

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, in pence per lb., were as follows:
Old contract
Dec-Jan. 20.85
Mar-Apr. 20.75
May-Jun. 20.50
Jul-Aug. 20.50
Oct-Nov. 20.50
New contract 18.67
Dec-Jan. 20.50
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Egyptian Karnak Nov-Dec. 20.00

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Safety Valve

There have so far, however, been no signs of industrial unrest to justify even the precautionary measures taken to far. Since the Third Socialist-Unity Party congress last March, the party has introduced a safety valve by allowing workers to express their criticism of factory management much more freely than before.

There have been reports of free criticism in terms of production norms, almost unheard of before the past 12 months.

The standard of living in East Germany has also risen steadily over the past three years.—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK
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RIOTER IN COURT

Found guilty of rioting, Wu Yuk-tin, of 124 Fuk Wah Street, second floor, was remanded seven days by Mr H. H. B. How of Central this morning for investigation by the Social Welfare Office.

Wu was represented by Mr J. R. Oliver of Doreens. Sub-Asst. D. F. Hughes appeared for the prosecution.

Lau Sing, PC850, 46, that about 11.30 p.m. on October 10 he was on plainclothes duty at Tai Po Road near Kwai Lang Street where he saw defendant with a crowd of about 20 men throwing stones at the police near the Garden Bakery. He revealed his identity and took defendant to the Shamshui Po Police Station.

CLERK COMMITS FORGERY

Kwok Kam-kok, 25-year-old clerk of the Victoria Enterprise Corporation of 304 Des Voeux Road Central, was this morning found guilty of simple larceny, forgery of cheque and uttering a forged document, and sentenced to three months imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo of Central Magistracy.

In addition, defendant was bound over in \$500 for two years.

Mr Donald Cheung, of F. Zimmerman and Company, pleaded guilty to all charges on behalf of the defendant.

In mitigation, Mr Cheung said the defendant was very young. He had been working for the Company for seven months at a salary of \$150 per month.

"He has a wife and three very young children to support. I hope your Honour will deal with him leniently," Mr Cheung said.

Standing by the Press bench was defendant's wife who told the Magistrate that Kwok was a good husband.

Turcoats Leave

The two American servicemen who refused repatriation after the Korean War, Arthur Pale and Asron Wilson, this morning left the Colony by Northwest Airlines for the USA.

Both men said they were glad to be going home for Christmas. They also said that they had no fixed plans as to what they were going to do except that they would first return to their farms.

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HEROIN CHARGES AGAINST 3 WOMEN AND A MAN

Three women and a man, natives of North China, faced trial before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning on an indictment of possession of heroin and conspiracy to deal in heroin.

Accused are Kun Wan-ching, 37, a woman, unemployed; Wong Ching-chu, 37, housewife; Ting Suet-ching, 35, married woman; and Wong Fu-yan, 45, unemployed.

The first three accused are alleged to have in their possession on September 18, 7 lbs 9 oz. of heroin and 6 lbs 10 oz. of heroin.

All four accused are charged with conspiring together to deal unlawfully in heroin on diverse dates between July 1, 1956 and September 18, 1956.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Asst. G. M. Oliphant.

The three women accused are defended by Mr Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr J. M. d'Almada Remedios. Fourth accused is not represented by Counsel.

A Jury of seven men has been empanelled.

An application by Mr Bernacchi for the two counts to be tried separately or that the conspiracy count be struck out was refused.

CROWN'S CASE

Outline the case for the prosecution, Mr Mayne said that shortly before 7 a.m. on September 18 last a Police party under Sub-Inspector Oliphant and Sub-Inspector Chu executed a search warrant on premises situated in Liberty Avenue.

The Police were admitted by the second accused into the flat, where first accused was sitting on a sofa. Nearby was a camp bed which had the appearance of having been recently vacated. A search was then carried out by the Police.

There were three bedrooms in the premises, and in the first bedroom the Police found a man sleeping there. The man was not a defendant and the Crown was not concerned with his presence, said Mr Mayne.

The second bedroom was found to be empty and there was no furniture inside. Inside this cabinet a great number of articles were found and the evidence will be that certain of these articles contained heroin and this quantity found inside the heroin with which we are concerned in the first count," said Mr Mayne.

A short time afterwards the third accused arrived at the address in Liberty Avenue and when admitted by the Police said she came to look for her sister for the purpose of inviting her to tea. This "alleged" sister was not on the premises, the Prosecutor said.

SEEKING FRIEND

The fourth accused called at the premises some time after that and said he was looking for a friend, surnamed Chung. No person by that name lived at the premises.

Mr Mayne said that the third accused was searched and inside her handbag was found a chain with four keys, one of which fitted the lock to the cabinet.

Third and fourth accused were then taken to the garage in Argyle Street and on the way third defendant was alleged to have asked Inspector Chu "to help me."

Further searches of the garage revealed more heroin hidden on the premises. The Police also found a cellophane with the letter "A" and an embossing press for embossing the letter "A" on objects.

Fingerprints of the second and fourth accused were found on a number of articles in Liberty Avenue. The fingerprints of the first and the fourth accused were also found on other articles in Argyle Street. Hearing is continuing.

PEDESTRIANS INJURED

Leung Tak, 32, of 425 Lockhart Road, ground floor, received injuries when he was knocked down by a private car in King's Road, near Tong Shui Road at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Leung is now detained in Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

In another traffic accident in Leighton Road, near Wongnai-chong Road, a Chinese woman was knocked down and injured by a private car at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The woman, Tsoi Woon-shuang, 48, residing at 33 Yiu Yip Street, first floor, is detained in Queen Mary Hospital for observation.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom gets things mixed up—that cute remark she just said you made is one she read to me out of a magazine!"

Very Pleasing Concert

A delightful and "intimate" concert took place yesterday evening at St Stephen's Girls' College Hall. This was put on by the Sino-British Music Group's Chamber Music section. It had been originally planned for October, but owing to unfortunate external circumstances & illness had to be twice postponed. However, it was well worth waiting for, though the announced programme had been changed.

The opening work was Beethoven's 8th Sonata for piano and violin, and this found Professor Arrigo Fea and Miss Caroline Braga in very good form. It is a fairly light-hearted sonata and one of the most tuneful, full of cheerful melodies, with a "rhythmical gracefulness and flow". The piano movement is a yester "tempo di minuetto", but is much slower or more lyrical than most minuets. The last movement is gay and lively, in fact the whole work is uncomplicated and without any touch of depth and melancholy which permeate some of Beethoven's later works. Professor Fea and Miss Braga, after working together for some years, now make a very satisfying combination and the ear always be sure of a musically performance from both.

It is a clever and original work for oboe, two clarinets, bassoon and horn, and has a liveliness which all-wind compositions often lack. But in this case there was no hollowness, warmth and fullness were ever-present, and the ensemble playing was some of the best, re-hearsals obviously having been assiduous and intensive.

So appreciative was the audience of this work that the Quintet gave the last movement again as an encore. This group of musicians will be sadly missed when they leave Hongkong shortly, and music-lovers generally are most grateful to them for their contribution to music during their stay here.—XX.

EFFORTLESS SINGING

The singer was Mrs Vera Ruttonjee-Dessal, whose pleasant mezzo-soprano voice is well and effortlessly produced. Her range is not very wide, but within it she hits the notes true and has no tricks or mannerisms. Her diction was on the whole good and the French and Italian words came over clearly.

The choice of songs was rather unvaried—all on the sweet and sad side, and it would be interesting to hear her in gayer or more dramatic songs.

Cav. Elvio Guidi was a competent and sympathetic accompanist, and the last song in the group was his own composition, a short and effective lamento. The other songs were by the early Italian composer Salvatore Rossa and the French composers Georges Hue and de Severac.

Professor Harry Ore played a group of piano pieces by Scriabin and Tchakowsky. The four pieces by Scriabin were amazingly varied, and it was difficult to believe that they were all by the same composer. The earlier works, "Impromptu" and "Valse", were reminiscent of Chopin or Liszt; poetic and tuneful. But the last two were in an entirely modern idiom, recalling Prokofiev or Poulenc.

Professor Ore performed them with a neat crispness, almost playfulness, which was disarmingly light; he seems to improve all the time, and was in no way put out by some skirmishes with well-worn and wayward sheet music which the audience guests of "will kept blowing about". His last item was a "Dommage" by Tchakowsky, a jolly folk-ballad based on traditional Russian and Slavonic melodic. His interpretation responded to the varied moods of the piece, alternately grave and exultantly gay. As an encore he gave another work by Tchakowsky, entitled "October", from his cycle of "The Seasons".

REDIFFUSION

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